

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS**

**Call to Order:** Chair Kelly Flynn, on January 26, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Kelly Flynn, Chair (R)  
Rep. Bob Brown, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Bridget Smith, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Zach Brown (D)  
Rep. Virginia Court (D)  
Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)  
Rep. George G. Kipp III (D)  
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)  
Rep. Matt Regier (R)  
Rep. Adam Rosendale (R)  
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)  
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)  
Rep. Tom Welch (R)

##### **Members Excused:**

Rep. Jean Price (D)  
Rep. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)  
Rep. Kerry White (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jessica Riffel, Committee Secretary  
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 204, 1/19/2017; HB 243, 1/19/2017  
Executive Action: HB 183, HB 234

**HEARING ON HB 204****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:56 Rep. Alan Redfield (R), HD 59, opened the hearing on HB 204, Generally revise laws related to maintenance of fishing access sites.

**EXHIBIT(fih19a01)****Proponents' Testimony:**

00:05:36 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA) Montana Cattle Women (MCW)  
00:07:10 Amy Adler, Rosebud County Weed Controller  
00:08:34 Kelly Ann Morris, Montana Weed Control Association  
00:09:19 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBBF)  
00:10:47 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)  
00:12:21 Karen Laitala, Montana Weed Control Association

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:15:09 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)  
00:18:30 Bob Gilbert, Montana Walleyes Unlimited (MWA) Montana Trappers Association (MTA)  
00:27:13 Brian Ohs, Montana Trout Unlimited (MTU)  
00:28:47 Robin Cunningham, Fishing Outfitters Association of Montana (FOAW)  
00:30:11 Ed Coleman, Self  
00:31:05 Joe Perry, Montana Sportsmen Alliance (MSA)

**Informational Testimony:**

00:32:06 Ron Jendro, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:32:47 Rep. C. Knudsen  
00:33:28 Rep. Redfield  
00:33:49 Rep. Jacobson  
00:34:40 Rep. Redfield  
00:35:08 Rep. Z. Brown  
00:35:59 Rep. Redfield  
00:36:25 Rep. Z. Brown  
00:36:49 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
00:37:12 Rep. Vinton  
00:37:38 Ron Jendro, FWP  
00:37:44 Rep. Vinton  
00:37:53 Ron Jendro, FWP  
00:38:04 Rep. Court  
00:38:26 Rep. Redfield  
00:38:34 Rep. Rosendale  
00:38:56 Rep. White joined the meeting  
00:39:17 Rep. Redfield  
00:39:29 Rep. Court  
00:39:52 Rep. Redfield  
00:40:04 Rep. Court  
00:40:17 Rep. Redfield

00:40:27 Rep. Court  
00:40:40 Rep. Redfield  
00:40:51 Rep. B. Brown  
00:41:15 Rep. Redfield

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:41:41 Rep. Redfield

**HEARING ON HB 243****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:46:21 Rep. Tom Jacobson (D), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 243, Prohibit outfitting on state lands inaccessible to the public.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:53:07 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)  
00:55:01 Joe Perry, Self  
00:56:36 Steve Kloztel, Self

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:57:35 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)  
00:59:50 Shelby DeMars, United Property Owners of Montana (UPOM)  
01:06:48 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)  
01:11:30 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA) Montana Cattle Women (MCW)

**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:13:40 Rep. White  
01:14:47 Ben Lamb, MWF  
01:15:23 Rep. White  
01:15:41 Rep. Vinton  
01:16:13 Rep. Jacobson  
01:17:27 Rep. C. Knudsen  
01:18:29 Rep. Jacobson  
01:20:13 Rep. Z. Brown  
01:20:36 Shelby DeMars, UPOM  
01:23:07 Rep. Z. Brown  
01:23:21 Shelby DeMars, UPOM  
01:23:40 Rep. Price joined the meeting  
01:24:09 Chair Flynn  
01:24:38 Jay Bodner, MSGA & MCW  
01:25:13 Chair Flynn  
01:25:51 Jay Bodner, MSGA & MCW  
01:26:35 Chair Flynn  
01:27:10 Jay Bodner, MSGA & MCW  
01:27:30 Rep. White  
01:28:14 Jean Johnson, MOGA  
01:29:22 Sean Thomas , Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

01:30:04 Chair Flynn  
 01:30:38 Sean Thomas, DNRC  
 01:31:51 Rep. Rosendale  
 01:32:07 Rep. Jacobson  
 01:32:11 Rep. Rosendale  
 01:32:23 Rep. Jacobson  
 01:33:36 Rep. Rosendale  
 01:34:12 Rep. Jacobson  
 01:34:31 Rep. Court left the meeting  
 01:35:20 Rep. C. Knudsen  
 01:36:11 Sean Thomas, DNRC

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:36:34 Rep. Jacobson  
  
 01:40:58 Recessed  
 01:57:21 Reconvened

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 234**

01:58:03 Hope Stockwell, LSD  
  
 01:58:15 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. White moved that **HB 234 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 10-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. Court, Rep. Jacobson, Rep. Kipp, Rep. Price, Rep. B. Smith and Rep. Stewart-Peregoy voting no. Rep. Court and Rep. Stewart-Peregoy voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 183**

02:00:02 Hope Stockwell, LSD  
 02:00:17 Chair Flynn  
 02:00:31 Hope Stockwell, LSD  
  
 02:01:04 **Motion:** Rep. Flynn moved that **HB 183 DO PASS**.

**Discussion:**

02:01:14 Chair Flynn  
 02:02:48 Rep. Jacobson  
 02:04:17 Rep. Kipp III  
 02:05:15 Rep. Loge  
 02:05:45 Rep. B. Brown  
  
 02:06:56 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-2 by roll call vote with Rep. Court and Rep. Price voting no. Rep. Court and Rep. Stewart-Peregoy voted by proxy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 02:09:06

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Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([fih19aad.pdf](#))